

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of
Shehzad T. Merchant, *et al.*

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Title: **APPARATUS, METHOD AND
SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING
NETWORK SECURITY**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated November 27, 2007 and is submitted on or before the extended due date of **April 28, 2008**. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendments and reconsider the application.

This Response is considered to include a constructive petition for a two month extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, including fees under §1.17; or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing Atty. Dkt. No. 02453.0020.NPUS00.

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